S. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by posting notices in one or more public places, fixing the time of such publication, and the compensation; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

FLOYD, Chairman.

TENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Monday, January 22, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice. Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell. Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry Johnston of Harris
Caldwell. King.
Clark. Lattimore.
Dayton. McCollum.
Floyd. McNealus.

Floyd. McNealus.
Gibson. Parr.
Hall. Smith.
Henderson. Westbrook.
Hopkins. Woodward.

Absent.

Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey. Harley.
Bee. Page.
Dean. Robbins.
Decherd. Suiter.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall.

Excused.

Senator Bee was excused for today on account of important business, on motion of Senator McCollum.

Senator Page, indefinitely, on motion of Senator Gibson.

Senator Dean, indefinitely, on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall.

Senator Decherd for today, on motion of Senator Caldwell.

Senator Bailey, for today and indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Senator Hall.

Senator Harley, for today on account of business, on motion of Senator King.

Senator Robbins, indefinitely for important business, on motion of Senator Lattimore.

See Appendix for brief statement of petitions and memorials.

See Appendix for standing committee reports in full.

Appointment of Porters and Pages.

The Lieutenant Governor announced the appointment of Jack Blocker and Willie Carpenter as porters; and also the appointment of Dick McNutt and Carson Wilkerson as pages.

Penitentiary Account.

An itemized account of the penitentiary indebtedness was received from the Board of Prison Commissioners, and was referred, by the Chair, to the Committee on Public Debt, Claims and Accounts.

Bills and Resolutions.

Simple Resolution No. 30.

By Senators Henderson and Smith: Be it resolved by the Thirty-fifth Senate of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the Secretary of the Navy of the United States is hereby respectfully requested to give attention to the many facilities and advantages afforded by that section of the State of Texas known as "East Texas" as a desirable and suitable place for the erection of a government armor plate plant.

ment armor plate plant.
Sec. 2. That the representatives in the National Congress from Texas

be and are hereby respectfully requested to use all means within their power to bring to the attention of the proper authorities at Washington the great advantages of East Texas as a suitable location for said armor plate plant.

Sec. 3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of the Senate to each of the Representatives in Congress and to the Secretary of the Navy of the United States.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 84, House bill No. 653 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas by a special law for the preservation of bass and other fish of the bass species, and of perch, sunfish and crappie species, in the following locality: In any water which is located in the valley of the Medina river from where the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville crosses the Medina river, in Medina county, Texas, to a point on the Medina river, in Bandera county, Texas, which by following the meanders of the Medina river towards its source, shall constitute a distance of twenty-five miles, and in any of the waters which are impounded by the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville, in Medina county, Texas, and in any of the waters that are impounded by the upper or main dam in Medina county, Texas, which is located about four miles above said lower or diversion dam; and making it unlawful to catch and retain or have possession of any bass or other fish of the bass species which are less than eleven inches in length, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than ten bass or other fish of the bass species, or to catch and retain,

a total aggregate of more than twenty perch, crappie or sunfish species, and making it unlawful to sell, offer any of said waters, and providing that the special act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State and not repeal same, and providing for a penalty for violation of said special law, and declaring an emergency, and fixing the venue of the prosecutions for violations of the law, and providing it shall not be unlawful to catch and retain more than twenty perch to be used as bait, providing none of such perch so caught for bait are larger than two inches long."

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bill Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) had referred, after its caption had been read, the following House bill:

H. B. No. 247, referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Simple Resolution No. 31.

Whereas, On Saturday, the 19th of January, the death angel visited the home of one of our employes, Valtai Lane, and took from said home the dearest friend that this little boy has ever had or ever will have in this world, the mother; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sympathy of the entire Senate be extended to this little boy in this great affliction, and that when we adjourn today we do so out of respect to his angel mother. HUDSPETH.

The resolution was read and adopted unanimously by a rising vote of the Senate.

Simple Resolution No. 32.

Whereas, Hon. D. E. Garrett, Congressman at large from the State of Texas, is now in the city of Austin; therefore be it

bass species, or to catch and retain, Resolved by the Senate, That Conor have possession of, in any one day, gressman Garrett be extended the privileges of the floor of the Senate and that he be invited to address the Senate.

JOHNSTON of Harris.

The resolution was read and adopted.

The Chair appointed Senators Johnston of Harris, Woodward and Caldwell as a committee to escort Congressman Garrett to the speakers' stand. Whereupon he addressed the Senate briefly.

Simple Resolution No. 33.

Resolved, That the flowers so considerately sent to the funeral of the mother of Valti Lane by Senator Hudspeth be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

LATTIMORE.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 34.

Be it resolved by the Senate of Texas that the Calendar Clerk be instructed to allow no bills to be taken out of his possession by any one, except a Senator or officer of the Senate or clerk of some Senate committee, and that a receipt be taken therefor.

LATTIMORE.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Date for Executive Session.

I move that the Senate go into executive session at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday the twenty-fourth, for the purpose of acting upon the appointments sent up by the Governor.

GIBSON.

The motion prevailed.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

S. B. No. 177, A bill to be entitled from "An Act to establish and incorporate the Pampa Independent School District, with certain boundaries, including the town of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts, to manage and control the public ries.

schools of the same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said schools, to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Hudspeth and Mc-Nealus:

S. B. No. 178, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect those engaged in the erection or construction of buildings three or more stories in height, from falling through joists and from falling planks. bricks, rivets or any other substance whereby life and limb is endangered, prescribing the method of protection, and placing the responsibility for carrying out the provisons of this Act; prescribing a penalty, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Senator Westbrook:

S. B. No. 179, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the hours of service of section men and other persons engaged upon or in the construction or maintenance of railway tracks or roadbeds in this State, providing penalties for violations of the terms of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvement.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act, being Chapter 49, General Laws of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, page 96, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio Counties' as amended by the Twenty-eighth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 11, page 38, as amended by the Thirtieth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 88, page 725, as amended by the Thirty-first Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 53, page 405, as amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 10, page 44, so as to strike the name 'Uvalde' from the provisions of said Act and providing that the same be repealed in so far as the same applies to and operates upon 'Uvalde County,' and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries. By Senator Gibson:

S. B. No. 181, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 486 and 515, Chapter 5, Title 14, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to the guaranty of deposits in banks, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Banking.

By Senator Gibson:

S. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further regulate the organization, supervision and control of State banks and bank and trust companies incorporated under the general banking laws of the State of Texas; providing that amendments to charters of such corporations shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and fixing fees for such service; providing an additional method for qualification of directors of such corporations by requiring such directors to take an oath defined therein, declaring it shall not be necessary to amend the charter of a banking corporation in order to increase or decrease its number of directors, and providing the method for such increase or decrease; making it an offense for any officer, director or employe of any State bank or banking corporation to demand or receive any consideration or commission on account of any loan or extension of credit made by such corporation; defining such an offense and prescribing the punishment therefor; amending Article 463 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, and prescribing certain duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking in publishing the notice and advertisement calling on persons who have claims against a bank which has been placed in his hands to present the same within ninety days, and defining and describing the duties of the Commissioner with reference to such matters; fixing the salaries of the bank examiners and regulating their expenses; authorizing the commissioner to classify the examiners on his force in accordance with years of service; authorizing the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to designate any one of his examiners as general liquidating agent for the purpose of · liquidating banks in process of liquidation in this State; prescribing the

agent and the commissioner with reference thereto; fixing an additional salary of five hundred dollars per year for such general liquidating agent, and authorizing the commissioner to assess the salary of the general liquidating agent proportionately against the banks being liquidated by him; amending Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, Article 574, so as to require all officers and employes of such banks who are active in the discharge of their duties or draw salaries to give bond; defining the terms of the bond; requiring same to be filed with the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and regulating the form and pro-visions of said bond; amending Section 8. Chapter 3, of the General Laws passed by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas; fixing the amount of indebtedness which any one individual, corporation, company or firm may owe to any bank incorporated under the general banking laws of this State; providing exceptions to the general provisions of this Act; repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Banking.

By Senators Lattimore, Bee and McCollum:

S. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the incorporation by those engaged in agricultural pursuits of farmers' co-operative societies; defining the character of their business; purpose and locality of such corporations; providing the method by which such corporations may be chartered; fixing the charter fees therefor and exempting them from the payment of franchise taxes; declaring that certified copies of the charters, amendments and by-laws of such corporations shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which such societies are located; defining the character of reports that must be made by such corporations; fixing the minimum amount of property which such corporations must own and regulating the membership and the membership certificates of such corporations; authorizing such corporations to borrow money, to disdutes of such general liquidating count notes in a limited amount; authorizing them to loan money to their members only; empowering them to act as the selling and purchasing agents of their members in the sale of agricultural products and the purchase of machinery, supplies and insurance for their members; giving such corporations authority to own and operate such machinery and instrumentalities as may be necessary in the production, harvesting and preparation for market of farm and ranch products; fixing the rights of members of such societies; limiting the liability of members of such corporations and authorizing them to provide for an additional liability; providing for appropriate forms for making this Act effective; conferring certain powers and authority upon and fixing certain duties for the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7491, Chapter 10, Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to authorize the Comptroller to appoint and contract with persons to collect inheritance taxes, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 42 of the General Laws of the Thirtieth Legislature as amended by Chapter 83 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature relating to exemptions as affecting the granting of free transportation over any steam railway, electric interurban railway or chartered transportation company, or sleeping car company, or the re-ceivers or lessees thereof or persons operating same or their officers, agents, or employes from granting free transportation over such carriers and fixing and defining who may receive such free transportation; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and refered to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures. By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 186, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 26 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, State of Texas, more clearly defining some of the duties of the Attorney General, district and county attorneys of this State, and imposing other and additional duties upon such officers; and prohibiting the Attorney General from giving counsel and advice, except to certain public officers named, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Caldwell:

S. B. No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the number and character of lamps to be carried by automobiles, motor vehicles and motorcycles, during certain hours and to prohibit the use of glaring and dazzling head-lights upon automobiles, motor vehicles and motorcycles in use upon the public highways of this State, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurispru-

dence.

By Senator McNealus.

S. J. R. No. 9, A joint resolution providing a system of Taxation for the State of Texas.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Bill No. 160.

Senator Parr asked unanimous consent to take up for consideration, S. B. No. 160. There was objection.

Senator Parr moved to suspend the regular order of business for the purpose of considering S. B. No. 160 which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-9.

Caldwell. Clark. Gibson. Hall. Hudspeth. Johnston of Harris McCollum, Parr. Woodward.

Nays-13.

Alderdice. Buchanan of Scurry, Buchanan of Beil. Dayton. Floyd. Lattimore.
Henderson. McNealus.
Hopkins. Smith.
Johnson of Hall. Westbrook.
King.

Absent.

Robbins.

Strickland.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Harley.
Bee. Page.
Dean. Suiter.
Decherd.

On motion of Senator King, S. B. No. 160 was ordered printed in the Journal and will be found in the Appendix in full.

Senate Bill No. 17.

The Chair laid before the Senate in regular order on its second reading:

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of and make an appropriation for the construction of a main building, chemical laboratory building, dormitory and power house for the School of Mines of the State of Texas, located in El Paso, Texas, and to make an appropriation of all funds collected from insurance on the burned buildings of said School of Mines for said purpose, and for furnishing, equipping and maintaining said School of Mines. and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 17 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-22.

Alderdice. Johnson of Hall. Buchanan of Bell. Johnston of Harris Buchanan of Scurry. King. Clark. Lattimore. Dayton. McCollum. Floyd. McNealus. Gibson. Parr. Hall. Smith. Henderson. Strickland. Hopkins. Westbrook. Hudspeth. Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Harley.
Bee. Page.
Dean. Robbins.
Decherd. Suiter.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas-21.

Alderdice. Johnson of Hall. Buchanan of Bell. Johnston of Harris Buchanan of Scurry King.

Clark. Dayton. Floyd. Lattimore.
McCollum.
McNealus.
Parr.
Smith.

Gibson. Hall. Henderson. Hopkins. Hudspeth.

Strickland. Woodward.

Nays-1.

Westbrook.

Absent.

Caldwell.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Harley.
Bee. Page.
Dean. Robbins.
Decherd. Suiter.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 17 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Messages from the Governor.

A messenger from the Governor's office here appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced three messages from the Governor. The messages went to the table for the time.

Senate Bill No. 75.

The Chair laid before the Senate, in regular order, on second reading,

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate titles to school land which has been purchased from the State on condition of settlement and residence in cases where the purchaser made settlement thereon and filed his affidavit of settlement in the General Land Office, but transferred

the land before the expiration of one year from the date of award to another qualified purchaser; in cases where the purchaser settled on the land within the time required by law, but failed to file in the General Land Office his affidavit of settlement within the time required by law; in cases where the purchaser failed to settle on the land within ninety days from the date of award, but actually settled on the land and filed his affidavit of settlement in the General Land Office as required by law; and in cases where the purchaser has been prevented from making settlement by being called into the military service of the State or United States, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted. The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 75 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-22.

Alderdice. Hudspeth. Buchanan of Bell. Johnson of Hall. Buchanan of Scurry. Johnston of Harris Caldwell. King. Clark. Lattimore. Dayton. McNealus. Floyd. Parr. Gibson. Smith. Strickland. Hall. Westbrook. Henderson. Hopkins. Woodward.

Absent.

McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey. Harley.
Bee. Page.
Dean. Robbins.
Decherd. Suiter.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas-22.

Alderdice. Floyd.

Buchanan of Bell. Gibson.

Buchanan of Scurry. Hall.

Caldwell. Henderson.

Clark. Hopkins.

Dayton, Hudspeth.

Johnson of Hall. Parr.
Johnston of Harris.Smith.
King. Strickland.
Lattimore. Westbrook.
McNealus. Woodward.

Absent.

McCollum.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Harley.
Bee. Page.
Dean. Robbins.
Decherd. Suiter.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 75 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Simple Resolution No. 35.

(By unanimous consent.)

Be it resolved, That the list of claims and accounts furnished by the Board of Prison Commissioners under Senate simple resolution No. 19 and referred by the Senate to the Committee on Claims and Accounts be printed in the Journal.

CALDWELL. McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

(See Appendix for said list of claims in full.)

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in the Chair.)

Senate Bill No. 53.

The Chair laid before the Senate, in regular order, on second reading, S. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit fishing and hunting upon the enclosed land of any person, firm or corporation, without the consent of such person, firm or corporation or a duly authorized agent; prescribing a penalty for the violation of this Act; repealing Articles 1255, 1255a, 1255b, 1255c, 1255d, 1255e and 1256, Revised Criminal Statutes of 1911, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Hudspeth moved that Sen-

ate Bill No. 53 be laid on the table subject to call.

The motion prevailed.

Messages from the Governor.

The Chair here laid before the Senate the following Executive messages heretofore received and on the President's desk:

Executive Office, Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917. To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

Whereas, the National Congress has already appropriated about eleven million dollars as an initial expenditure for the erection of a Government Armor Plate Plant in the South; and

Whereas, in all probability hundreds of millions of dollars will be spent by the Government in the further improvement of said plant after it is so established; and

Whereas, it is known that the location of said plant will be in a locality known to abound with iron ore; and

Whereas, that section of our State, historically and famously known as East Texas, does abound in rich iron ore deposits:

I, therefore, submit for your consideration these facts, and suggest that in some appropriate form and manner you memorialize and petition the National Congress to locate said Armor Plate Plant somewhere in East Texas, and that you pass necessary resolution, respectfully requesting and urging the representatives in Congress from Texas to take this matter up actively and bring before the necessary authorities the many advantages and facts that make East Texas an ideal place for the erection of said armor plate plant.

As the matter is now being considered, your early attention to this matter is respectfully suggested.

JAS. E. FERGUSON, Governor of Texas.

Executive Office, Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917. To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

From information furnished me by the Honorable Railroad Commission, it is quite apparent that a very grave and serious condition exists in different parts of the State, occasioned by the unnecessary and needless confisca-

tion by the railroads of coal which had been shipped to consumers in the different localities of the State. It appears that thousands of people are shivering in the cold as a result of this arbitrary use of the power given to the railroads.

I understand that legislation has been introduced into your body to prevent this matter. From the information, which seems quite conclusive, and to relieve immediate and pressing suffering. I respectfully suggest and request that this legislation be given your early consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. E. FERGUSON, Governor of Texas.

Executive Office, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

Supplementing the itemized list of Deficiency Appropriations granted by this department for the years 1915 and 1916, prepared in this office on January 11, 1917, I desire also to list the deficiency allowance of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) granted by me on September 8, 1915, to supplement the item for Support and Maintenance in the appropriation made by the Thirty-fourth Legislature for the State Juvenile Training School, with the statement: That on or about Sentember 8, 1915, Honorable M. M. Harris. Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the State Juvenile Training School, made oral application to me for this deficiency allowance for said purpose: that said deficiency was then allowed with the understanding that the application be reduced subsequently to writing and presented to me for signature; that said application was subsequently reduced to writing by the said M. M. Harris, but before reaching me for approval was either lost or mislaid, although said deficiency was in truth and in fact duly approved by me; that to insure its formal regularity, M. M. Harris, Secretary, etc., on January 20, 1917, made affidavit to the facts hereinbefore stated, and acordingly, I entered my approval thereon nunc pro tunc as of date September 8, 1915, covering said deficiency application in the amount named and for the purpose specified, as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

Governor of Texas.

Senate Bill No. 54.

The Chair laid before the Senate in regular order on its second reading:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District in the State of Texas said district to be composed of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson. To fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said district and providing for a judge thereof and a district attorney. Reorganizing the Thirtyfirst, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts of Texas, fixing a time for holding court in the Thirtyfirst, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts. To provide that all cases now on the dockets of counties of the District Courts of Hall. Donley, Armstrong and Carson counties be transfered to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District created by this act. To provide that District the district clerks and sheriffs elected in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson, and their successors in office be alike the officers of each of said district courts of said county. Providing for the return of all process and validation of the same issued or to be issued by the Courts of the Thirty-first. Fortysixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts in the counties of Hall, Donley Armstrong and Carson be returnable to the District Court of the Eightyfirst Judicial District. To provide for the appointment of the judge of said Eighty-first Judicial District and for the appointment of the district attorney for said Eighty-first Judicial District and fixing their compensation and declaring an emergency.'

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Johnson of Hall offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend Senate bill No. 54 by striking out all before the enacting clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District in the State of Texas, said district to be composed of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said dis-

trict, and providing for a judge thereof and a district attorney; reorganizing the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts of Texas; fixing a time of holding court in the Fortysixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts; to provide that all cases now on the dockets of the district courts of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth be transferred to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District created by this Act; to provide that the district clerks and sheriffs elected in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth, and their successors in office, be alike the officers of each of said district courts of said county. Providing for the return of all process and validation of the same issued or to be issued by the courts of the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Districts in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth be returnable to district court of the Eighty-first Judicial District; to provide for the appointment of the judge of the said Eightyfirst Judicial District, and for the appointment of the district attorney for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Johnson of Hall offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(2) Amend Senate Bill No. 54 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. The Forty-sixth Judicial District shall be composed of the counties of Wilbarger, Hardeman, Childress and Foard, and the terms of the district court shall be held therein as follows:

In the county of Wilbarger on the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session twelve weeks. In the county of Hardeman on the twelfth Monday after the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session four weeks. In the County of Foard on the sixteenth Monday after the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session four weeks. In the County of Childress on the twentieth Monday after the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in

Sec. 2. The Forty-seventh Judicial District shall be composed of the Counties of Potter and Randall and terms of the district court shall be held therein each year as follows:

In the County of Potter on the second Mondays in January and July and may continue in session twenty weeks. In the County of Randall on the twentieth Monday after the second Mondays in January and July and may continue in session until the busiess is disposed of.

Sec. 3. The Eighty-first Judicial District of Texas is hereby created and shall be composed of the following named counties, to wit: Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth, and the terms of the district court shall be held therein each year as follows: In the County of Hall on the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session eight weeks. In the County of Donley on the eighth Mondays after the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session six-weeks. In the County of Armstrong on the fourteenth Monday after the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session four weeks. In the County of Collingsworth on the eighteenth Mondays after the first Mondays in February and September and may continue in session until business is disposed of.

All cases now pending on Sec. 4. the dockets of the Forty-sixth Judicial District Courts in Hall and Collingsworth Counties are hereby transferred to the dockets of the Eightyfirst Judicial District Court and shall be, by said court, tried and disposed of as though originally filed therein. All cases now pending on the dockets of the Forty-seventh Judicial District Court in Donley and Armstrong Counties are hereby transferred to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District Court and shall be, by said court, tried and disposed of as though originally filed therein.

The district clerks and Sec. 5. sheriffs elected, qualified and acting as officers of the district court in the Counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth shall be officers of the district court of the Eightyfirst Judicial District Court in their He shall receive the same compensa-

session until all business is disposed | respective counties, and all such officers of either of said counties shall receive for such services such compensation as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

Sec. 6. The present judge and district attorney of the Forty-sixth Judicial District, as the same now exists, shall remain district judge and district attorney of the Forty-sixth Judicial District as reorganized under the provisions of this Act and shall hold their offices until the term for which they have been elected shall have expired and their successors are duly elected and qualified and shall receive the same compensation as now or may hereafter be provided by law. The present district judge and district attorney of the Fortyseventh Judicial District as the same now exists shall remain district judge and district attorney of the Forty-seventh Judicial District as reorganized under the provisions of this Act and shall hold their offices until the term for which they have been elected shall have expired and their successors are duly elected and qualified and shall receive same compensation as now or may hereafter be provided by law.

Sec. 7. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint some person having the qualifications provided by law for district judges for the judge of the district court of said Eightyfirst Judicial District, who shall hold his office until the next general election for State officers in the State of Texas and until his successor is elected and qualified, as provided by He shall receive the same salary that is now provided or may hereafter be provided to be paid the district judges and in like manner in this State. There shall be a district attorney of said Eighty-first Judicial District, who shall perform the duties of such as now provided by law in said courts of said districts and the Governor of the State of Texas is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint some person having qualifications provided by law for district attorney of said Eighty-first Judicial District, who shall hold his office until the next general election for State officers in the State of Texas and until his successor is elected and qualified as provided by law.

tion that is now provided by law or may hereafter be provided by law to be paid district attorneys in like manner in this State.

Sec. 8. That all process, writs and bonds served and executed prior to the taking effect of this Act and returnable to the Forty-sixth Judicial District and the Forty-seventh Judicial District courts as heretofore fixed by law in the Counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Collingsworth are hereby made returnable to the terms of the Eighty-first Judicial District as fixed by this Act, and all such process, bonds and recognizances shall be valid and binding and having same effect as if each had been in regular order on its second readnamed by this Act in the time of ing: holding of said terms of court.

Sec. 9. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. The crowded condition of the dockets of the courts of the counties affected by this Act and the inability of the parties litigant to have cases disposed of without unusual and disastrous delay, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity calling for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 54 put on its third readiny and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-20.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bec.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Be	ell. Hudspeth.
BuchananofScur	rry.Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Smith.
Hall.	Strickland.

Nays-1.

Westbrook.

Absent.

Johnston of Harris Woodward, McCollum.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey.	Page.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Harley.	

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 9.

The Chair laid before the Senate

S. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 116 of Chapter 96, Acts of Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, providing for the granting of teachers' certificates, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 9 . put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-21.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of B	ell. Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scu	rry.King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Parr.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Johnston of Harris Woodward. McCollum.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey.	Page.
Dean.	Robbins
Decherd.	Suiter.
Harley.	

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas-21.

Alderdice.

Hudspeth.

Bee.

Johnson of Hall.

Buchanan of Scurry. Lattimore.

Buchanan of Bell. King.

Caldwell.

McCollum.

Clark. Dayton. McNealus.

Floyd.

Parr. Smith.

Gibson. Hall. Strickland.

Henderson.

Westbrook.

Nays-1.

Hopkins.

Absent.

Johnston of Harris Woodward.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Dean.

Page. Robbins. Suiter.

Decherd. Harley.

Senator Johnson of Hall moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 9 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Recess.

At 12:10 p. m., on motion of Senator McNealus, the Senate recessed until 2 o'clock today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

Senate Bill No. 10.

(Regular Order.)

By unanimous consent, the Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading, S. B. No. 10.

Senator Johnson of Hall moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call.

The motion prevailed.

Department of Agriculture.

Communication from the Commissioner of Agriculture read and ordered printed in the Journal on motion of Senator Henderson.

(See Appendix, Journal of January 23, 1917.)

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senators McCollum, McNealus and Clark:

S. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State Board of Health, providing for an adequate system for the registration of births and deaths in the State of Texas; providing for penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act, making appropriation for the efficient enforcement of same, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to

Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Woodward: ..

S. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 854, Title 22, Chapter 4, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Senate Bill 343, Chapter 152, Page 326, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, so as to provide for working of the streets by male inhabitants of cities and towns incorporated under the General Laws, not exceeding five days each year; and providing for the payment of money in lieu of such work; and authorizing such cities and towns to enforce such provisions by appropriate ordinances, including the fixing of penalties and fines for violation thereof."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a systematic method of eliminating and canceling obsolete or abandoned marks and brands now of record in the various counties of the State, and providing for a systematic method of recording and indexing marks and brands of

owners of cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, prescribing the time in which owners of marks and brands now of record shall have in which to have such marks and brands re-entered of ·record, in accordance with this Act. fixing the fees of the county clerks of the counties of this State for recording and indexing such marks and brands, and providing all marks and brands so recorded shall be prima facie evidence of such ownership and repealing Articles 7157, 7158, 7159 and 7160, Chapter 2, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 191, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirtyeighth, the Fifty-first, Sixty-third and the Seventieth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; and to create the Eighty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the time and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of the said judicial districts; and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to provide for the appointment and election of a district judge and district attorney in said Eighty-second Judicial District and to make all process issued or served before this Act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed to validate such process, and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2945 of Title 49, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes providing that a soldier who is away from home and in the actual service of the United States, or in the military service of the State, may pay his poll taxes by agent, where such soldier resides in into or celebrated in any other mana city of ten thousand inhabitants or ner null and void."

more, and declaring an emergency." Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. J. R. No. 10, "A joint resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitution prescribing those entitled to exercise the right of suffrage within the State of Texas, providing for proclamation by the Governor for the submission of said constitutional amendment on the fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1917, therefor, and making an appropriation to defray expenses for holding of the election."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator McNealus:

S. C. R. No. 5, providing for sine die adjournment, etc.

On motion of Senator McNealus the resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 110.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on second reading:

S. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Caldwell the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 6.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on second reading:

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4610 of Chapter 1, Title 68, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that all persons desirous of marrying in this State shall procure a license authorizing its celebration, and declaring all marriages contracted, entered

(Senator Hudspeth in the chair.)

(Lieutenant Governor Hobby in the chair.)

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 6 by adding at the end of proposed Article 4610 the

following:

'Provided, that nothing in this article shall be construed to affect the right of inheritance which has now accrued or may hereafter accrue from any other form of marriage or relationship heretofore contracted or existing."

The amendment was read and adopted.

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in the chair.)

Action then recurred upon the engrossment of S. B. No. 6 as amended. and the same was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas-12.

Bucharlan of Bell. King. Buchanan of Scurry. Lattimore. Clark. Robbins. Hall. Smith. Hopkins. Strickland. Johnson of Hall. Westbrook.

Nays-10.

Alderdice. Gibson. Bee. Hudspeth. Caldwell. Johnston of Harris, Dayton. McNealus. Floyd. Parr.

Present-Not Voting.

Henderson.

Absent.

McCollum.

Woodward.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Harley. Page. Dean. Decherd. Suiter.

Senate Bill No. 12.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order on its second reading:

S. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, 1911, and to fix the time of filing an answer in all cases where the defendant is cited by publication."

The bill was read second time and, On motion of Senator Dayton, S. B. No. 12 was passed to engrossment.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives. Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, relating to the locating of an armor plant in East Texas.

Respectfully, BOB BARKER.

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

The Chair laid before the Senate H. C. R. No. 4:

Whereas, It is a well known fact that that section of the State known as East Texas abounds in the finest quality of brown hematite ore, and

Whereas, The Federal Government of the United States proposes to erect an armor plate plant somewhere in this section of the country; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the Senate concurring, That we call the attention of the Secretary of the Navy to the many advantages offered by East Texas for a location of such armor plate plant. Be it further

Resolved, That the Representatives from Texas in the National Congress are hereby requested to use all means within their power to bring to the attention of the proper authorities the wonderful resources of East Texas and the great advantage in locating said armor plate plant at some point in this section of the State. Be it further

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward to the Secretary of the Navy a copy of this resolution and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby instructed Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised to send a copy to each of our Sena-Statutes of the State of Texas of tors and Representatives in Congress.

Hill, Terrell, O'Banion, Thompson of Nacogdoches, Fairchild, Lee, Metcalf.

The resolution was read and Senator Gibson moved that the Senate concur in the same.

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 71.

The Chair laid before the Senate in regular order on its second read-

S. B. No. 71, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and providing for the enforcement of liens for material, machinery or supplies furnished to, or for labor performed for, owners of land, mines or quarries, or owners of leaseholds for oil, gas, or water wells, for oil or gas pipe lines and rights of way, or for mining or quarrying purposes, and for materials, machinery, supplies or labor for the construction, maintenance, operation or repair of oil, gas, or water wells, or for oil or gas pipe lines, mines or quarries, and prohibiting the sale or removal of property subject to such liens without the consent of the lien holders and providing a penalty therefor.'

Senator King offered the following amendment, which was read and

adopted:

Amend the caption by adding the words "and declaring an emergency."

Senator King offered the following amendment, which was read and

adopted:

Amend by adding to Section 1, at the end thereof, the following: "Provided that if labor, supplies, machinery or material is furnished to a leaseholder the lien hereby created shall not attach to the underlying fee title to the land."

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment:

Amend bill by striking out Section 6 of the bill.

The amendment was read and on motion of Senator King the same was tabled.

Senator Caldwell offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting in line 6, page 4, after the word "lien," the follow-ing: "With intent to defraud the person having such lien, either originally or by transfer."

The amendment was read and adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator King, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 71 put.on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice. Hudspeth. Bee. Johnson of Hall. Buchanan of Bell. Johnston of Harris Buchanan of Scurry. King. Caldwell. Lattimore. Clark. McNealus. Dayton. Parr. Floyd. Smith. Gibson. Strickland. Hall. Westbrook.

Henderson. Hopkins.

Absent.

Woodward.

McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Page. Bailey. Robbins. Dean. Decherd. Suiter. Harley.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas-23.

Alderdice. Hudspeth. Johnson of Hall. Buchanan of Bell. Johnston of Harris Buchanan of Scurry. King.

Caldwell. Lattimore. Clark. McNealus. Parr. Dayton. Smith. Floyd. Strickland. Gibson. Hall. Westbrook. Woodward. Henderson.

Hopkins.

Absent.

McCollum.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey. Page. Robbins. Dean. Suiter. Decherd. Harley.

Senator King moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 71 was passed and table the motion to recon-

The motion to table prevailed.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Président of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. J. R. No. 5, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 58, providing for the compensation of public officials, with engrossed rider.

H. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto County, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair (President Pro Tem. Henderson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. J. R. No. 5, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

H. B. No. 61, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

Adjournment.

At 4:30 p. m., on motion of Senator Clark, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX A.

Petitions and Memorials.

Eleven numerously signed petitions from various places of the State sent to Senators Alderdice, Westbrook, Henderson, Dayton, McNealus and Smith were read and filed, protesting against any law being passed depriving the vendors of medicines, spices, extracts, etc., from selling their mer-

chandise throughout the rural districts.

A petition signed by J. P. Cooper and many others from Grand Prairie, was offered by Senator McNealus, asking that a bill be introduced permitting the railroads to grant passes to ex-Confederate soldiers, enabling them to travel and visit, otherwise being unable to do so because of the lack of money to buy tickets.

Senator Dayton sent up and had read a petition from the citizens and taxpaying voters of Grayson County, urging that the present tick eradication law be changed or amended so as to have Statewide eradication.

Senator Gibson sent up and had read a petition urging that the members of the Legislature encourage the passage of any bill to establish an Industrial Home for the Adult Blind.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report that we have examined and had carefully compared Senate Bill No. 152, and report that it has been correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report that we have had examined and carefully compared Senate Bill No. 154, and report that it has been correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report that we have had examined and carefully compared Senate Bill No. 133, and find that it has been correctly engrossed.

ALDERICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 3, providing for "Sam Houston Memorial Day on March 2,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

McCOLLUM, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917,

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 144, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of pension warrants where the pensioner dies during the quarter for which the warrant was issued, the cancellation of the same, and the issuance of a mortuary warrant to pay the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioner, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

McCOLLUM, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 69. A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a State Board of Examiners of Architects, and defining the qualifications of the members thereof; providing for the appoint-ment of said Board and fixing its powers and duties; providing for the examination of applicants for certificates as registered architects, and the issuance, refusal and revocation of such certificates by said board, and the collection of the fees on said cereificates; providing for the renewal of said certificates and the collection of the fees therefor, and the reinstatement of those who fail to comply with the renewal provisions of this Act and the collection of a special fee therefor; providing for the

preservation and authentication of the record of said board and the payment of the expenses of said board, together with salaries from the registration and other fees received by the board and not from the treasury of the State; prohibiting any one from representing himself as an architect in this State unless so certified by said board, and fixing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

McCOLLUM, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the payment by any county of the State of Texas of a monthly pension to indigent widowed mothers for the partial support of their children in their own homes."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

McCOLLUM, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the control of municipal elections in cities and towns of this State located in counties having more than 130,000 population according to the last preceding Federal census, by the use of money, and to regulate and limit the expenditure of money to influence the result of such elections, and providing penalties for violations of this Act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

DAYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 48, General Laws of Texas, creating Willacy County, approved March 11, 1911; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 10, General Laws of Texas, creating Kleberg County, approved February 27, 1913; the purpose of this Act being to change and make the boundary line between said counties conform to the result of elections duly called and held in said counties, the returns of which have been duly estimated, certified to, sealed, endorsed and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the manner and form prescribed by law, whereby certain territory, was detached from Willacy and attached to Kleberg County, and whereby certain land, water and ter-ritory were detached from Kleberg and attached to Willacy County; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but be not printed.

PARR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917. Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make the processes issued to serve before this Act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following committee amendments:

Amendment No. 1. Amend paragraph 3, Section 3 of the bill, referring to length of term in Ector County, by striking out the words "one week" at the close of said paragraph and insert the words "two weeks."

Amendment No. 2. Amend paragraph 4 of said Section 3, referring to the length of term in Glasscock County, to read as follows: "In the County of Glasscock on the third Monday after the first Monday in January, and on the twentieth Monday after the first Monday in February, and may continue in session one week," and that the bill be not printed.

BUCHANAN of Scurry, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: A majority of your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of stock raisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals; to make an appropriation therefor; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following committee amendments:

- (1) Amend Section 6 to read: "And the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars to be used for the first year, and one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars to be used for the second year, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of the above bounties."
- (2) Amend bill in Section 3, seventh line, after the word "scalp" in said line, striking out all after said word down to and including the word "same" where a colon appears, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"And split both ears and return said scalp to the party presenting same for said bounty."

(3) Amend bill, Section 5, line 2, by striking out all after the word "repealed," and inserting, "provided that any person proposing to trap or hunt for wolves, wildcats or other predatory animals be permitted to enter the enclosed premises of another to trap for said wild animals, provided that no firearms are used in connection therewith, and any person vio-lating the provisions of this section who shall enter the enclosed land of another for the purpose of trapping, and who shall take upon said land any firearms, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$200."

CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Stock Sir: and Stock Raising, to whom was re-

S. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7209, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911. so as to provide for the holding of an election to determine whether hogs, sheep or goats may run at large during only those months of each year designated in the petition, providing that elections may be held thereunder, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

A majority of your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for State-wide tick eradication throughout the State of Texas, and to provide for the expenses of conducting the work in the it would be pertinent to find if there

ties for violations of this Act, and to provide process to compel compliance by commissioners courts and the members thereof with the provisions of this Act, and of orders and regulations of the State of Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following committee amendment:

Amend the bill on page 6, line 6, by striking out 1918, and inserting in lieu thereof 1919.

CLARK, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

The State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby President of the Senate, Thirt Austin, Texas. Thirty-fifth Legislature,

Dear Sir: Judging from this. morning's press, a committee from your body will soon be appointed to investigate this Department. I also judge, from the press report, that the lines of investigation have not yet been determined.

No honest man objects to being investigated, but because many damaging statements against this department have been made from time to time, which puts an unjust suspicion in the minds of the public, I respectfully request that aside from any and all other lines of investigation which your committee may want to carry on, that the following propositions be . considered:

- Honest endeavor as a public 1. official.
- 2. Efficiency in every branch of the department.
- 3. Economical expenditure of the public funds by comparing salary, expenses and work done by this department with salary, expenses and work done by any other similar forces in the State.
- Whether or not this depart-4. ment is doing the work required by the statute and by the budget assigned to it. In conjunction with this, several counties; to prescribe penal- is any unnecessary duplication in the

promotion of agriculture in this State, and what forces are responsible for such duplication, if any there

- 5. Our efforts to co-operate with all the different agricultural forces in this State, and the result of same.
- 6. The reception of the efforts of this department by the farmers and citizens of this State, and recognition of our work by the world at large.
- 7. Relations of this department to the politics of this State.

An investigation along these and all other pertinent lines is welcomed.

Please have the Clerk read these suggestions to the members.

> Very respectfully, FRED W. DAVIS, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The foregoing communication is printed here by order of the Senate on motion of Senator Henderson.

APPENDIX C.

Prison Commission Statement.

Board of Prison Commissioners. Huntsville, Tex., January 18, 1917.

Hon. John D. McCall, Secretary of the Senate, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We have your letter of the 15th inst., inclosing copy of Senate Resolution No. 19, adopted on that In accordance with the provisions thereof, we are inclosing herewith a list of the indebtedness of the Prison System, which was incurred prior to January 1, 1915, as shown by our books, duly certified to by our auditor and bookkeeper. This list has been prepared in two parts. Part 1 showing bills payable and part 2 the accounts payable.

Part One gives the names and addresses of the creditors, the consideration of the indebtedness, the principal of the notes, the rate of interest and the date from which each note bears interest. The bills payable aggregate \$624,186.85, and to this amount should be added the amount

the date the money is available for payment of same, and the interest cannot be calculated until that date is known.

Part Two gives a list of open accounts, aggregating \$46,055.40, with the names of the creditors and the addresses of all creditors of the Prison System proper, and the amount of each account. You will notice in this list a large number of railway companies, which accounts cover indebtedness of the Texas State Railroad during the period it was operated in connection with the Prison System, and are principally for per diem service; payment of which will have to be remitted to the treasurer of the various companies.

The amount of interest due on open accounts is not included in the statement, and the amounts shown in the list represent merely the balances due various creditors on open account as shown by our books. When the date of payment of these accounts is fixed by the provisions of the appropriation bill, the interest on these accounts can be figured from the dates of maturity of the invoices, in accordance with the rate of interest specified by the terms on which the various purchases were made. This is brought to your attention for the reason that the amounts claimed by various creditors, as shown by the statements which they may file with the Senate Committee, may in some instances differ from the amounts shown by statements we inclose, which doubtless will be attributable to the fact that the former includes interest while our statement does not.

Trusting these statements will give you the desired information, we are

Yours truly,

S. J. BASS.

Chairman, Prison Commission.

(Part One.)

State of Texas, County of Walker.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared Jas. P. Welsh, auditor of the Prison System, and J. O. Powers, bookkeeper of the Prison System, known to me, of interest the notes will draw up to being by me first duly sworn, state

on oath that the attached statement same is correct according to the best of bills payable, aggregating \$624.186. of their knowledge and belief. 85 exclusive of interest, is a complete list of all notes now due by the Prison System of Texas, covering indebtedness incurred prior to January 1, 1915, as shown by the books of the Prison System on January 1, 1917; that they have carefully checked said (Seal) OSCAR F. WOLFF,

JAMES P. WELSH,
Auditor, Prison System,
J. O. POWERS, Bookkeeper, Prison System.

statement with the books and the Notary Public, Walker County, Texas.

INDEBTEDNESS OF PRISON SYSTEM I NOURRED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, BILLS PAYABLE.

Payee.	Address.	For What Pur
Lakeside Sugar Refining Co	(In controversy)	-
Payne & Jaubert		
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Orockett, Texas	
Exter Mch. Wks		
Pacific Fruit Express		
Jas. T. Ryerson & Sons	Chlego III	Machinery
W. T. Bruton		Wagon machinery
Gulf Pipe Line Co		
	Orockett, Texas	Lignite
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co		
Gulf Refining Co		
Bassett Blakely		
Armour & Co		
Drovers National Bank		Pkg. Co
Hill & Elkins		Legal services
S. W. Gen. Elec. Co	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplies
Sanger Bros		
Spencer & Mullins		
John Deere Plow Co		
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Crockett Texas :	Lignite
Texas & Pacific Coal Co	Thurber, Texas	Coal
Cheek-Neal Coffee Co	Houston, Texas	Coffee
B. D. Cline		
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B. D. Cline		
B. D. Cline		
Houston Drug Co		
Houston Drug Co		
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co.	Crockett, Texas	Lignite
S. W. Gen. Elec. Co	Houston, Texas	
Bering Cortes Hdw Co	Houston, Texas	Hardware, etc
Armour & Co	Houston Toyoe	
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Oronkott Mayas	
Houston Co Coal & Mfg Co	Canalisate Manag	
Barden Elect. & Mchy. Co	Houston, Texas	
Walter Tips	Austin Torne	
Cudahy Packing Co	Dallas, Texas	
Cudshy Packing Co	Dellas Taxas	Bacon
Cheek-Neal Coffee Co	Beaumont, Texas	Coffee
John Deere Plow Co	Houston, Texas	Implements
C W Con Plant Co	Dallas, Texas	Implements
0. W. UCH. Elect. CO		Electrical supplies
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Orockett, Texas	Lignite
Cudaby Packing Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon

INDEBTEDNESS OF PRISON SYSTEM INCURR ED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1915.—BILLS PAYABLE.

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I. N. Adickes Jas. Bute Co S. G. Davis Hat Co Navasota Cooperage Co Barden Elec. & Mchy. Co Barden Elec. & Mchy. Co Austin White Lime Co Austin White Lime Co Bering Cortes Hdw. Co Bering Cortes Hdw. Co Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co Armour & Co Griten-Meyers Sup. Co Girten-Meyers Sup. Co Girten-Meyers Sup. Co	Huntsville, Texas. Houston, Texas. Dallas, Texas. Navasota, Texas. Houston, Texas. Houston, Texas. Houston, Texas. Austin, Texas. Houston, Texas. Houston, Texas. Houston, Texas. Grockett, Texas	Bacon Paints, etc Hats Cooperage Electrical supplies Electrical supplies Lime Lime Hardware, etc Hardware, etc Lignite Ligni
Girten-Meyers Sup. Co	Youston, Texas	Hardware, etc
E. L. Wilson Hdwe. Co Bering Cortes Hdwe. Co Cheek-Neal Coffee Co Cheek-Neal Coffee Co Cheek-Neal Coffee Co Cheek-Neal Coffee Co John Deere Plow Co	Reaumont, Texns	Hardware supplies Hardware Coffee Coffee Coffee
John Deere Plow Co	Dallas, Texas	Implements Beef cattle Beef cattle

Houston Drug Co	Houston, Texas	Drugs
Houston Drug Co	Houston, Texas	Drugs
Hobson Elec. Co	Dallas, Texas	Electrical supplie
Hobson Elec. Co	Dallas, Texas	Electrical supplie
Hobson Elec. Co.	Dallas, Texas	Electrical supplie
II. A. Palpe	llouston, Texas	Well machinery
Reichardt & Shulte Co	Houston, Texas	Soul machinery.
S. W. Gen. Elec. Co.	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplie
Schaffer Photo Supply Co	Houston, Texas	
Sanger Bros.	Dallas, Texas	Duck, etc
Sanger Bros.	Dallas, Texas	Duck, etc
Sanger Bros	Dallas, Texas	
Texas Varnish & Specialty Wks	Houston, Texas	
Texas Portland Cement Wks.		Cement
United Shoe Mchy, Co.	Boston, Mass	
United Shoe Mchy. Co	Boston, Mass	
United States Leather Co.	New York, N. Y.	Leather
United States Leather Co	New York, N. Y.	
John Deere Plow Co.	Dallas, Texas	
Houston Co. Cost & Mig. Co.	Crockett, Texas.	Lignite
Check-Neal Coffee Co	Houston, Texas	
Cudalty Packing Co.		Bacon
Gulf Pipe Line Co	Houston, Texas	Fuel off
Gulf Refining Co.	Houston, Texas	
Girien-Meyers Sup. Co.	Houston, Texas	Hardware suppli
Girlen-Meyers Sup. Co	Houston, Texas.	Hardware suppli
Houston Co. Coal & Mig. Co	Crockett, Texas	
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Crockett, Texas	Lignite
Houston Co. Coal & Mig. Co	Crockett, Texas	Lignite
Buey Philip Howe, Co.	Dallas, Texas	Hardware suppl
Blum Hdwe, Co.	Gaireston, Texas	Hardware suppli
Blum Ildwe, Co.	Galveston, Texas	Hardware suppli
Sanger Brea	Dallas, Texas	Duck, etc.
Armour & Co.	Houston, Texas	Bacon
Ahrens & Ott Mfg. Co	Houston, Texas.	Plumbing supplie
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Desel-Borticher & Co	Houston, Texas	Produce
Fairbanks Morse & Co		Scale repairs, etc
Houston & Liggett	Houston, Texas	Cedar
Lingo Lbr. Co.	Dallas, Texas	Roofing, etc
A. M. Lockett & Co	New Orleans, La.	Machinery
Swift & Co.	Port Worth, Texas	Bacon, beef
Texas Mig. Co	Houston, Texas	Lumber, etc
Underwood Typewriter Co		Typewriter
Glibert D. Phul	New Orleans, La	Sugar mill mach
T. B. Wessendorff	Richmond, Texas	Hardware supplic
T. B. Wessendorff	Richmond, Texas	Hardware supplie
The Merritt Mfg. Co	Lockport, N. Y.	Machinery
John Duer & Sons	Baltimore, Md.	Hardware
Acme Mchy. Co	Cleveland, Ohio	Machinery
C. L. Patterson.	Richmond, Texas	Mules, corn, etc.
	Hinkles Ferry, Texas	Beef cattle
	Houston, Texas	Plumbing supplier

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Payee.	Address.	For What Pur
Barden Elec. & Mchy. Co	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplies.
Chas. Popp	Nacogdoches, Texas	Wagon material
Rice & Coles	Houston, Texas	Coal
Schloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co	Birmingham, Ala	Machinery, etc
Atlanta Woolen Mills	Atlanta, Ga	Cloth
Atlanta Woolen Mills	Atlanta, Ga	Cloth
Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Bacon, etc.
Valley View Farm	San Saba, Texas	Seed
Houston Co Coal & Mfg Co	Crockett. Texas	Lignite
Sulzberger & Sons Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon
Bering Cortes Hdwe. Co	Houston, Texas	Hardware, etc
Sanger Bros.	Dallas, Texas	Duck, etc
Cudaby Packing Co	Dallas. Texas	Bacon
Cudahy Packing Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon
Angelina Co. Lbr. Co.	Keltys, Texas	Lumber
Angelina Co. L.br. Co.	Keltys, Texas	Lumber
Angelina Co. Lbr. Co.	Keltys, Texas	Lumber
Angeling Co. Lbr. Co.	Keltys, Texas	Lumber
Angelina Co. Lbr. Co.	Keltys, Texas	Lumber
Kilby Prog & Switch Co	Birmingham, Ala	Switches, etc
Kirby Lbr. Co	Houston, Texas	Lumber
Thompson-Tucker Lbr. Co	Houston, Texas	Lumber
Vaughn Lbr. Co	San Antonio, Texas	Lumber
Vaughn I.br. Co.	San Antonio, Texas	Lumber
Vaughn Lbr. Co	San Antonio, Texas	Lumber
Western Elec. Co.	Dallas, Texas	Electrical supplies.
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Crockett, Texas	Lignite
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Orockett, Texas	Lignite
Bering Cortes Hdwe, Co	Houston, Texas	Hardware, etc
Barden Elec. & Mchy. Co	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplies_
Bering Mfg. Co	Houston, Texas	Hardware, etc
Bering Mfg. Co	Houston, Texas	Hardware, etc
C. F. Blanke Tea & Coffee Co	Dallas, Texas	Coffee
Berlin Mch. Wks	Detroit, Mich	Machinery
Gulf Pipe Line Co	Houston, Texas	Fuel oil
J. Wener & Co	New York, N. Y.	Leather
Howard Mixon Lbr. Co	Newton, Texas	Lumber
Love, Boyd & Co	Nashville, Tenn	Lumber
Geo. P. Lillard	Seguin, Texas	Hogs
Magnolia Cotton Oli Co	Houston, Texas	Dooking oil
C. H. Page & Co.	Chicago III	Plans for building
Jos. T. Ryerson & Sons	Chicago, Ill	Machinery
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Simmons Hdwe, Co	. St. Louis, Mo	mardware supplies

Standard Steel Wks	St. Louis, Mo	Steel
Sou. Pine Lbr. Co	Diboll, Texas	Lumber
S. T. Swinford Co	Houston, Texas	Lumber
Standard Guano & Chem. Mfg. Co	New Orleans, La	Fertilizer
Standard Guano & Chem. Mig. Co	New Orleans, La	Fertilizer
Sanger Bros.	Waco, Texas	Duck, etc
Wm. Sellers & Co	Philadelphia, Pa	Machinery
Wm. Sellers & Co	Philadelphia, Pa	Machinery
Texas & Pacific Coal Co	Churber, Texas	Coal
Tel-Electric Co		Electrical supplies_
Tel-Electric Co	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplies_
Tel-Electric Co	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplies
Tel-Electric Co	Houston, Texas	Electrical supplies_
Rein & Sons	Houston, Texas	Stationery
Bassett Blakely	Houston, Texas	Mules rent etc
Eureka Fire Hose Co	Vow Vork N V	Hogo
National Lbr. & Creosote Co	Teverkana Tevas	Lumber, etc
J. R. Shoupe & Co.	Longview. Texas	Lumber, etc.
Vaughn Lbr. Co	San Antonio, Texas	Lumber, etc
Bassett Blakely	Houston, Texas	Mules, rent, etc
Armour & Co	Houston, Texas	Bacon, etc
Austin White Lime Co	Austin, Texas	Lime
Jame Bute Co	Houston, Texas	Paints, etc
Hill & Elkins	Huntsville, Texas	Legal services
Sulzberger & Sons Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon
Sulzberger & Sons Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon
Sulzberger & Sons Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon
Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Bacon
Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Bacon
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Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Bacon
United Shoe Mchy. Co.	Beaumont, Texas	Shoe machinery and
Armour & Co	Houston Mass,	Bacon, etc
Bassett Blakely	Houston, Texas	Mules, rents, etc
Bassett Blakely	Touston, Texas	Mules, rents, etc
Navasota Cooperage Co	Varagota Texas	Cooperage
C. L. Patterson	Richmond, Texas	Corn. horses, etc.
Sulzberger & Sons Co	Dallas, Texas	Bacon
Houston Co. Coal & Mfg. Co	Orockett. Texas	Lignite
Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Bacon, etc
Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Bacon, etc
Swift & Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Flour
J. N. Hirsch Cooperage Co.	Houston, Texas	Cooperage
J. N. Hirsch Cooperage Co	Houston, Texas	Cooperage
Rose Mfg. Co	Dallas, Texas	Olothing
Rose Mig. Co.	Dallas, Texas	Clothing
Rose Mig. Co	Dallas, Texas	Clothing
Rose Mfg. Co	Dallas, Texas	Clothing
Rose Mfg. Co.	Wanten Toros	Ingurance
Rice & Belk	Dollor Texas	Cement
D. II. Blates I. Cellicity Co	Danas, Texas	Comette

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Payce.	Address.	For What Pu
S. W. States P. Cement Co	Dallas, Texas	Cement
Scarbrough & Hicks	Austin, Texas	Dry goods, etc
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg, Va	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg, Va	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg, Va	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg. Va	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Kansas Oity, Mo	Lumber
Mistrot Bros. & Co	Julyeston, Texas	Dry goods etc
Pflster-Vogel Co	Milwaukee, Wis	Leather
Roberts & Manning	Fentress Texas	Seed
Bonner Oil Co	Houston, Texas	Olle oto
Barden Elec. & Mchy. Co	Houston Texas	Fleetrical supplies
Ollfton Rice.	Richmond. Texas	Surveying
The Fairbanks Co	New Orleans, La	Machinery
Ferguson Waterproof Co	St. Louis, Mo.	Slickore
Haskell Broom Co	Haskell Torns	Brooms
Sou. Minneapolis Farm Power Co	Minneapolia Minn	Implemente
I. & S. Bing	Cincinnati Ohio	Clothing
Sligo Irone Store Co	St Louis Mo	Iron ata
Sligo Irone Store Co	St Louis Vo	Tron, etc
Sligo Irone Store Co	St Torie Mo	Tron, etc
Sligo Irone Store Co	St Touls Mo	Tron, etc
Singo frome Store Co	ist Touls Mo	Tron, etc.
Sligo Irone Store Co	Houston Player	Profit de la constante
Houston Co-Operative Mig. Co	Houston, Texas	Building material,
Houston Co-Operative Mig. Co	Houston, Texas	Building material,
Houston Co-Operative Mfg. Co	Houston, Texas	Building material,
Houston Packing Co	Post Worth Power	Beeves, etc
O. B. Team Mule Co	Fort Worth Towns	Miles
O. B. Team Mule Co	Houston Towns	Mules
M. M. Graves	Chicago III	Bagging and ties.
A. Baidwin.	Cilicago, Illanda	Cloth
Brazos Valley Cotton Mills	Dellas Maras	Duck
Robert Nicholson	Vouston Words	Seed
Tel-Electric Co	Delles (Cares	Electrical supplies
B. F. Avery & Sons	Dallas, Texas	Implements
Singer Sewing Machine Co	Dallas, Texas	Sewing machine st
J. B. Lec	Municipe, Texas	Court Work
F. C. FondrenClarke & Co	Dedford City Vo	Ties
Unike & Co. & Partiller Co.	Var Orleans To	TODACCO
Union Seed & Fertilizer Co	St Joule No.	rertilizer
B. Frank & Sons	Olasianati Obla	Leather
American Laundry & Mch. Co	- Cincinnati, Unio	Laundry machines
Sherwin-Williams Co	Dallas, Texas	Paints, etc
B. F. Avery & Sons Plow Co	Dallas, Texas	Implements
Clarke & Co	Bediord City, Va	TODACCO

Adams & Elting Co	Chicago, III	Varnish, etc
Pierce-Fordyce Oil Ass'n		Oils, etc
Mrs. J. R. Wooten		Seed
Hancock Bros. Co		Tobacco
Whaley Mill & Elevator Co	Gainesville, Texas	Flour, meal, etc
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Sherwin-Williams Co	Dallas, Texas	Paints
McKean-Eilers Co	Austin. Texas	Dry goods, etc
W. L. McAtee & Sons	Houston, Texas	Cement, etc
The Schumacher Co	Houston, Texas	Groceries, etc
Griffith Drug Co	Austin, Texas	Drugs, etc
Mistrot & Adoue	Galveston, Texas	Dry goods,
Gordon-Sewell Co	Houston, Texas	Groceries
Houbtman, Loeb & Co	New Orleans, La	Machinery
Mrs. D. F. McLaughlin	Houston, Texas	Rents
The Schumacher Co	Houston, Texas	Groceries
The Schumacher Co		Groceries
The Philip Cary Co	Dallas, Texas	Hardware, etc
South Texas Implement Co	Houston, Texas	Implements
Eureka Fire Hose Co.	New York, N. Y	Hose, etc
W. O. Rominger & Co	Port Worth Texas	Mules
W. O. Rominger & Co.	Port Worth Toxas	Mules
I. & S. Bing.		Clothing
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Jos. Schwartz & Co	New Orleans La	Machinery, supplies.
American Wood Work Meh. Co	St. Louis Mo	Machinery
American Wood Work Meh, Co	Palestine. Texas.	Tics
H. P. Rochelle	DeKalb, Texas	Hardware, lumber,
Galveston Shoe & Hat Co	Galveston, Texas	Hats, etc
The Dorsey Co		Stationery
Reichardt & Schulte	Houston, Texas	Seed
Gayosa Lbr. Co		Roofing
Southern Drug Co	Houston, Texas	Drugs, etc
Henry S. Fox Jr	Hcuston, Texas	B. Blakely, Note
Huntsville State Bank	Huntsville, Texas	A. H. Trayler, Note
The Murray Co	Dallas, Texas	Gin machinery
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McKean-Ellers Co	Austin, Texas	Dry goods
Singer Sewing Machine Co	Dallas, Texas	Sewing machinery
Hughes Mig. Co	Dallas, Texas	Vinegars, etc
Texas Bag & Fibre Co		Twine, etc
Gulf Grain Co	Houston, Texas	Feed
Maverick-Clark Litho Co		Stationery
J. E. Berry	Luikin, Texas	Beef cattle
Huntsville Cotton Oil CoGrant Locomotive & Car Works	Huntsville, Texas	Cottonseed hulls, etc
Grant Locomotive & Car Works	Houston, Texas	Boller repairs
Elbert H. Roberts (trustee)	Houston, Texas	Lands, building
Trinity River Lbr. Co	Houston, Texas	Dalate
Texas Fire Brick Co	Athens, Texas	Drick

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Payee.	Address.	i
		For What Pu
Magnolia Coffee Co	Houston, Texas	Coffee
Niles-Bement Pond Co	New York, N. Y.	Machinery
Harris-Lipsitz Co.	Dallas, Texas	Lumber
American Exchange Natl. Bank	Dallas, Texas	& Blanke Tea Co
		Dallas Mch. Co.
O. G. Barrett	Huntsville, Texas	Lumber, etc
Harris-Lipsitz Co	Dallas, Texas	Lumber, etc
G. A. Wynne		Timber
Huntsville Cotton Oll Co	Huntsville, Texas	Cottonseed hulls, o
American Tobacco Co	New York N. Y	Tobacco
J. L. Underwood	Rockwall Texas	Wagon material
Keith Lbr. Co	Voth Torns	Lumber, etc
Carlton-Ferguson Dry Goods Co	Dallas Toxas	Underwear
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co	St. Louis Mo	Mirrows
A. D. Mebane Cotton Seed Co	Lockhart Toxas	Cotton sced
Frederick Disinfectant Co	Atlanta Ga	Disinfectant
Texas Star Flour Milis	Galveston Terns	Flour, etc
Texas Star Flour Mills	Galveston Texas	Flour, etc
Texas Star Flour Mills	Galveston Texas	Flour, etc
Texas Star Flour Mills		Flour, etc
Texas Star Flour Mills		Flour, etc
Texas Star Flour Mills	Galveston Torns	Flour, etc
Reimers Co	Fort Worth Toyes	Stationery
Union Natl. Bank	Houston Toros	
Onion Nati. Dauk	douston, rexus	Roofing
Mebane Cotton Seed Co	Lookhant Marea	Cotton seed
Ell. Wilson Hdwe. Co	Penumont Toyas	Wordware etc
Fergusen-McKinney Mfg. Co	St Louis No	Underweer
A Treetal & Sone Co	Milmoules Wie	Loothor
A. Trostel & Sons Co	Milwaukee, Wis	Olla etc
Pierce-Fordyce Oil Ass'n	Houston Torns	Olle etc
Blanke Mfg. & Sup. Co		
G. H. Schoellkopf Saddlery Co	Dellas Tayas	Saddlery ate
Link Belt Co	Chicago III	Belting
De Kalb Hdwe, & Furn. Co	De Velb Teres	Hardware etc
Parlin-Orendorff Impl. Co	Dellas Tores	
Jos. F. Meyers & Co	Clauster Cares	Implements
Beck & Corbett Iron Co	Ct Touts Mo	Tank
Hancolk Bros. Co.	Tweehouse Vo	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Obleage III	Teether
B. C. Eisendrath Tan. Co	Por City Payor	C C Darry Vota
Homes Been Co	Ch Toute Me	Jackhan Mote
Howes Bros. Co	Columnton Cover	Cilebara
N A Dalas	Paris Wayes	Mules
N. A. Bales J. S. Williams	Parts Toron	Mules
J. S. Williams	Taris, 16x48	Jules

J. S. Williams	Paris, Texas	Mules, horses, etc
Farmers & Mechanics Nal. Bank I Huntsville State Bank I	Fort Worth, Texas	Vote-Exline-Reimers
Huntsville State Bank	Huntsville, Texas	lote-Huntsville Ph
		and Tin Co
American Disinfecting Co	edalia, Mo	Disinfectants
Westinghouse Lamp Corp	Dallas, Texas	Electrical supplies
Magnolia Petroleum Co	louston, Texas	ruel off
Fisher-Bagasse Furnace Co	New Orleans, La.	sugar machine suppl
J. A. Fay-Egan Co	edalla, Mo	Disinfectants
Shapleigh Hdwe. Oo	Jincinnati, Unio	Cab. shop supplies
Baldwin Locomotive Wks	Philadelphia Da	Hardware, etc
A. S. Burleson	Weehington D C	Engine supplies
Unimpell from Wks	St. Louis Mo	Rents, etc
W. A. Sims	Huntsvilel, Texas	Note-Ferris Pressed
. 1		Co
Theo, Helwtz Metal Co	St. Louis, Mo	
Jos. Schwartz & Co., Ltd	New Orleans, La.	Wagon material
Exline-Reimers Co	Fort Worth, Texas	Stationery
	rort worth, Texas	Stationery
Guilett Gin Co	Imite, La	Gin machinery
Gullett Gin Co	mita I a	Gin machinery
SO-Skein Fdy. Co	Chattanooga, Tenn	Wagon material
Hancock Bros. Co	ynchburg, Va	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg, Va	Tobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg, Va	Pobacco
Hancock Bros. Co	Lynchburg, Va.	Tobacco
R. C. Miller Lbr. Co	Shanhard Torne	Lumber
G. O. Street	Touston Terre	Bagging and ties
Bossett Blokely	Inuston Toyee	Mules, rents, etc
Howe Scales Co	Vew York N V	3cale repairs
Dahm-Keifer Tanning Co	Chicago III	Leather
Red Star Spoke Co	Fayetteville, Ark	Wagon spokes
I. H. Johnson Jr. Co.	Philadelphia, Pa	Machinery
Drovers Natl, Bank	Chicago, Ill	Note-Ntl. Pkg. Co.,
Drovers Natl. Bank	Chicago, III	Note-Ntl. Pkg. Co.,
Straus-Bodenheimer Saddlery Co	Touston Tower	Note-Ntl. Pkg. Co.
Straus-Bodenhelmer Saddlery Co	Touston Toyes	3addlery
Cooper Grocery Co	Vaco Toyag	Troceries
Straus-Bodenheimer Saddlery Co	Touston Texas	Raddlery
Sanger Bros	Dallag Toyag	Duck, etc
The Wheland Co	Thattanooga Tonn	Box factory machin
F. W. Heltman & Co.	Tougton Tores	Hardware, etc
F. W. Heltman & Co	Touston Texas	Hardware, etc
F. W. Heltman & Co	Houston, Texas	Tardware, etc
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F. W. Heltman & Co	Houston, Texas	Hardware, etc
F. W. Heltman & Co	Touston, Texas	Hardware, etc
F. W. Heltman & Co	Town Texas	Mulas
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Payee.	Address.	For What Pur
J. A. Fay & Egan Co		
Lusky, White & Cooledge The Spool Cotton Co The Spool Ootton Co Wm. Powell Co Wm. Powell Co Pratt Engine & Mchy Co W. F. Mosser & Co W. L. Hill J. A. Elkins T. M. Lucus	Chicago, Ill	Cab. shop supplies Thread Thread Valves, repairs, et Valves, repairs, et Gin machinery Leather Legal services Legal services
Bear Grass Coal Co Tom Padgitt Co Magnolia Petroleum Co B. F. Adickes Hutchings, Sealy & Co Girten-Meyers Co Natl. Bank of Commerce Beck & Corbett Iron Co Ely Walker Dry Goods Co First State Bank First State Bank First State Bank First State Bank Rosenberg Mill & Elevator Co Southern Pine Lbr. Co Peden Iron & Steel Co Fort Worth Elevator Co Graham Hat Co Jake Marcus	Houston, Texas St. Louis, Mo St. Louis, Mo Royce, Texas Brazoria, Texas Brazoria, Texas Brazoria, Texas Diboll, Texas Houston, Texas Fort Worth, Texas	Lignite Saddlery Fuel oil Note—A. H. Tray Corn Belting, etc. Note—Girten-Russ Iron Dry goods Note—Jack McGra Note—Smith Bros. Note—Smith Bros. Feed, etc. Lumber Iron, etc. Feed
O. L. Patterson	Detroit, Mich De Kalb, Texas New Orleans, La Waco, Texas Houston, Texas Houston, Texas Los Moines, Iowa Lowell, Mass	Texas Horses, corn, etc Drugs Bucloing Note Sugar mill machine Saddlery, etc Varnish Cedar Silo material Machines

Huntsville State Bank	Huntsville, Texas	Note-J. N. South- Note-B. G. Grass I
Hogan, Allnoch Dry Goods Co	Houston, Texas 'ndianapolis, Ind	Hats Feed Dry goods Oab. shop supplies Rents, mules, etc Follet paper, etc
	202001	Total

(Part Two)

State of Texas, County of Walker.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared Jas. P. Welsh, auditor of the Prison System, and J. O. Powers, bookkeeper of the Prison System, known to me, who, being by me first duly sworn, state on oath that the attached statement of accounts payable, aggregating \$46,-055.40, exclusive of interest, is a complete list of all open accounts now due by the Prison System of Texas, covering indebtedness incurred prior to January 1, 1915, as shown by the books of the Prison System on January 1, 1917; that they have carefully checked said statement with the books and the same is correct according to the best of their knowledge and belief.

JAMES P. WELSH,

Auditor Prison System.

J. O. POWERS,

Bookkeeper Prison System.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, A. D. 1917.

OSCAR F. WOLFF,

(Seal)

Notary Public, Walker County, Texas.

Indebtedness of Prison System Prior to January 1, 1915.

Accounts Payable.

American Hoist and Derrick Co., St. Paul, Minn\$ 1,0 Aloe & Co., St. Louis, Mo	85.65
Aloe & Co., St. Louis, Mo	85.65
Aloe & Co., St. Louis, Mo	
Down att Dolotton Co. Double Money	
	98.64
	06.89
	50.52
	43.24
American Wells Works, Dallas, Texas	55.30
	12.50
	06.08
Cunningham, K. F., Otey, Texas	9.53
	96.80
	94.24
Crump, C. C., De Kalb, Texas	74.45
Cory, A. P., Co., Dallas, Texas	1.60
20010, 001111, 21011, 2011, 20111111, 20111111, 20111111	70.49
Eureka Fire Hose Co., New York, N. Y	11.20
	85.71
	25.00
Fenn, J. R., Richmond, Texas	95.16
Ft. W. & D. Ry., Fort Worth, Texas	7.73
Fleischman & Co., Houston, Texas	4.60
	00.00
	38.35
Griffith Drug Co., Austin, Texas	34.18
George H. Hermann estate, Houston, Texas 9	95.30
H. & T. C. Ry., Houston, Texas	7.92
Houston Packing Co., Houston, Texas	24.66
Hughes, R. M., & Co., San Antonio, Texas	74.00
	00.74
	61.47
International Coffee Co., Houston, Texas	60.39
Long Leaf Lumber Co., Riverside, Texas	40.78
Knapp, R. S., Washington, D. C	1.12
Lusky, White & Coolidge, Chicago, Ill	55.92
Loftin, W. W., Allen Farm, Texas	16.81
	03.85
Muller Broom Co., Galveston, Texas	28.27
Maverick-Clarke Co., San Antonio, Texas	70.10

Payee, with Address—	Amount.
M. L. & T. Ry., Houston, Texas, care S. P. Ry	.\$ 58.02
Murray Co., The, Dallas, Texas	306.81 104.16
McClure, F. F., Taylor, Texas	
Neely, Wade B., Rusk, Texas	
Pearson, Thomas B., Richmond, Texas	
Pollock & Co., Mobile, Ala	156.15
Press. The, Journal, Rusk. Texas	2.60
Palestine Hardware Co., Palestine, Texas	
Richmond Cotton Oil Co., Richmond, Texas	67.55 141.29
Reed, S. I., & Sons, Chicago, Ill	376.00
State Orphan Home, Corsicana, Texas	475.44
Smith, R. E., Sherman, Texas	
St. L. & S. F. Ry., St. Louis, Mo	40.25
Seabury & Johnson, New York, N. Y	278.09
Strawn Coal Mining Co., Strawn, Texas	324.94
Singer Sewing Machine Co., Dallas, Texas	
Sugarland Ry. Co., Sugarland, Texas (in controversy)	54.00
Trinity Portland Cement Co., Dallas, Texas	. 126.57
St. L. & S. W. Ry. Co., Tyler, Texas	. 567.91
Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, Mo	
Schaeffer Photo Supply Co., Houston, Texas Southwestern General Electric Co., Dallas, Texas	
T. & N. O. Ry. Co., Houston, Texas	
Texas Fiber Co., Houston, Texas	
T. & P. Ry. Co., Dallas, Texas	12.63
Texas Tariff Burcau, Fort Worth, Texas	31.53
Turner, F. W., Jr., Chenango, Texas	25.00
Walker, Smith & Co., Galveston, Texas	3,509.81
Wessendorf, T. B., Richmond, Texas	83.60
Western Electric Co., Dallas, Texas	84.30
Dittlinger Lime Co., New Braunfels, Texas	
Rennett Printing Co., Paris, Texas	
Rein & Sons, Houston, Texas	1,10
Payee—	Amount.
A. C. L. Ry	
A. T. & S. F. Ry	
A. & V. Ry., New Orleans, La	
A. B. & A. Ry B. & O. Ry	
B. & M. Ry	
B. R. & P. Ry	
Big Four Ry	
Central Vermont Ry	16.40
C. M. & St. P. Ry	49,80
C. N. O. & T. P. Ry	
A. G. S. Ry	147.30
C. H. & N. W. Ry	45.65
C. & E. I. Ry	
C. B. & L. Ry	
C. I. L. Ry C. R. I. & G. Ry	
C. R. I. & M. Ry	
C. O. & G. Ry	
C. H. & D. Ry	
C. & A. Ry	10.40
S. W. S. C. L. Ry	2.25
C. P. Ry	4.50
C. G. & W. Ry	
C. C. C. & St. L. Ry	9.70

Payee—	Amount.
Payee— C. of G. Ry	.\$ 7.65
C. Ry. of N. J.	4.20
C. St. P. M. & O. Ry	. 3.45
C. S. Ry	. 6.25
C. L. & W. Ry	. 7.25
D. & H. Co	90
D. & R. G. Ry	
E. J. & E. Ry	. 26.10
E. I. & H. Ry	. 4.50
Erie Ry	. 26.70
F. W. & D. Ry	. 8.10
G. H. & S. A. Ry	
H. & T. C. Ry H. E. & W. T. Ry	. 32.95 . 2.10
L. W. Ry	. 29.30
M. L. & T. Ry.	. 66.65
T. & N. O. Ry	
G. I. Ry	
G. R. & I. Ry	
G. & S. I. Ry	
H. V. Ry	. 7.35
I. & G. N. Ry	. 346.35
I. C. Ry	
K. C. S. Ry	
K. C. M. & O. Ry	
·K. & M. Ry	
K. C. Ft. S. & M. Ry	
St. L. & S. F. Ry	
L. & N. Ry	
L. V. Ry	
L. & E. Ry	-
L. R. H. & S. W. Ry	
M. C. Ry	
M. K. & T. Ry	
M. P. Ry	
M. V. Ry	
M. St. P. & S. M. Ry	
M. O. & G. Ry	
M. & O. Ry	45
M. V. Ry	
N. C. & St. L. Ry	
N. P. Ry	
V. S. & P. Ry	
N. Y. C. & H. Ry P. L. E. Ry	
N. Y. C. & W. Ry.	
N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry	
N. Y. C. & W. Ry	
N. O. & G. N. Ry	
N. O. G. N. Ry	
N. & W. Ry	
N. de Mexico	
O. S. L. Ry	
O. R. & N. Ry	
O. W. R. & N. Co	
P. M. C. & Y. Ry	
P. M. Ry	
P. M. R. Ry	
Q. M. S. Ry N. O. & N. E. Ry	
11. O. & 11. E. Itj	10.

Payee—	A	mount.
R. I. Lines	\$	1.40
R. G. & E. P. Ry		2.8
Rutland Ry		3.6
C. R. I & P. Ry		100.5
Southern Ry		57.08
S. P. Ry		196.9
S. A. & A. P. Ry		7.5
S. A. L. Ry		10.0
C. & O. N. Ry		2.28
Seaboard Ry		1.0
St. L. I. M. & S. Ry		100.4
St. J. & G. I. Ry		4.1
S. F. P. & P. Ry		.3
St. L. R. C. Co		1.0
S. R. L. Ry		1.5
S. V. E. Ry.		2.1
T. & B. V. Ry		100.5
T. & P. Ry		169.4
T. S. L. Ry		3.3
T. & O. C. Ry		1.3
T. P. & W. Ry		13.8
T. M. Ry		1.4
Tremont & Gulf Ry		1.8
U. P. Ry.		30.9
Vandalia Ry		31.6
Wabash Ry		37.4
W. M. Ry.		22.2
W. of A. Ry		3.6
W. I. & N. W. Ry		11.1
W. & L. E. Ry.	• •	7.1
A. R. L. Ry.		3.8
A. R. T. Co.		4.0
C. A. & C. R. Ry		1.8
B. C. R. & N. Ry		1.4
C. V. Ry.		43.3
C. M. & P. S. Ry.		10.8
P. & R. Ry	• • •	98.1
Penna. Lines		165.5
P. F. O. Ass'n		4.6
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APPENDIX C.

By Parr.

S. B. 160.

A BILL

To be entitled

An Act to increase the authority and duties of the Commissioners' Court of Duval County, Texas, and of the County Commissioners of County, to require said County Commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said County, and to fix the salary for the members of said Commissioners' Court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That in addition to the authority and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by the general law of this State upon the County Commissioners' Court, that the Commissioners' Court of Duval County, Texas, shall be further authorized and empowered to exercise a general supervision over the financial affairs of said County, and to issue such orders not conflicting with the general laws of the State as the Court may deem expedient and wise for the proper administration of said affairs, and shall cause all laws and regulations governing the duties and conduct of the officers and offices of the said County to be faithfully observed and executed.

Sec. 2. That the County Commissioners of Duval County, Texas, shall devote their entire time and atten-tion to the faithful discharge of the regular and ex officio duties and responsibilities of their office during their terms of office under the supervision and direction of the Commissioners' Court, and they shall Clark. faithfully execute and cause to be Dayton. faithfully executed all the orders of said Court.

Sec. 3. That each Commissioner of said County shall receive as entire compensation for his services under the terms of this Act nine hun- Harley. dred dollars and no more for each Henderson. year during his term of office, to be paid in monthly installments out of the general fund of said County, and Bailey. the Commissioners' Court of said Page. County, at its first regular meeting after the passage of this Act, shall

pass and enter upon its minutes all necessary orders directing the payment of such salary to each of said Commissioners in monthly installments.

Sec. 4. That all laws, general or special, in conflict with the provision of this Act be and the same are here now repealed.

Sec. 5. The fact that Duval County. Texas, has constructed many miles of good roads, and that it is essential that such roads should be constantly inspected and maintained, and it is necessary for the affairs of said County that said Commissioners should devote their entire time and attention to the public roads of said County, and all other affairs of said County coming under their jurisdiction, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the Constitutional rule requiring the reading of bills on three several days in each house, and said rule is hereby suspended. and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

ELEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber. Austin, Texas, Tuesday, January 23, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Hopkins. Alderdice. Hudspeth.

Buchanan of Bell. Johnson of Hall. Buchanan of Scurry. Johnston of Harris

Caldwell. King. Lattimore. McCollum. McNealus. Dean. Parr. Decherd. Smith. Floyd. Strickland. Gibson. Westbrook. Hall. Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Robbins. Suiter.

Prayer by the Chaplain.